

Dear Members of the Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee:

I am writing in support of:

S.B. No. 387: AN ACT CONCERNING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE JUVENILE JUSTICE POLICY AND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

and in opposition to the following bills:

S.B. No. 365: AN ACT CONCERNING JUVENILE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORMS

S.B. No. 388: AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFENSE OF A PERSON OR A PERSON'S DWELLING, PLACE OF WORK OR MOTOR VEHICLE.

H.B. No. 5418: AN ACT REVISING JUVENILE AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE STATUTES AND INSURANCE STATUTES CONCERNING THEFT OF A MOTOR VEHICLE

S.B. No. 392: AN ACT CONCERNING STATEMENTS MADE BY JUVENILES.

H.B. No. 5417: AN ACT CONCERNING JUVENILE JUSTICE AND SERVICES AND FIREARMS BACKGROUND CHECKS.

S.B. No. 386: AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF THE JUVENILE DELINQUENCY LAWS OF THIS STATE.

The legislation I oppose is a backlash to the criminal justice gains made in the last legislative session. This legislation will only create more fear. It will not make us safer.

These bills contain elements that will lead to greater numbers of youth, especially black and brown youth, being detained, and coming under surveillance.

Finally, this is an attempt in one bill to dismantle Connecticut's Juvenile Justice Policy and Oversight Committee which is nationally recognized as following best practices when it comes to youth justice.

I hope you will support SB 387, and oppose the other bills.

Thank you,
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